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SUBJECT: FONMIN STATEMENT ON US NAVAL INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY

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1. FONMIN MIYAZAWA WAS QUESTIONED IN LOWER HOUSE CABINET COMMITTEE MAY 17 ON CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT THAT US NAVY INTELLIGENCE UNIT HAD, SINCE 1973, CONDUCTED ILLEGAL SURVEILLANCE OF PRIVATE CITIZENS IN VICINITY OF US NAVAL BASES IN JAPAN (REFTEL). QUESTIONER, DIETMAN KATSUTOSHI ONIKI OF CLEAN GOVERNMENT PARTY (CGP), REPORTEDLY SAID US MILITARY SPYING ON PEOPLE'S MOVEMENTS THREATENS INFRINGEMENT ON JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY, AND ASKED IF FONOFF AWARE OF EXISTENCE OF "NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE."

2. MIYAZAWA, IS QUOTED BY YOMIURI AS SAYING IN REPLY THAT "AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT HARM THE NATIONAL INTEREST, OR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEREST OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, WE DO NOT AT

ALL MIND INFORMATION-GATHERING ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, IF IT IS SHOWN THAT ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES LIKE THE THEFT OF SNAPSHOTS WAS ENGAGED IN, THIS WE CANNOT PERMIT; THEREFORE, I WANT TO OBTAIN THE REPORT AND STUDY THE REAL RELATIONSHIPS." YOMIURI COMMENTS THAT MIYAZAWA'S STATEMENT INDICATES GOJ BELIEF THAT WHILE ACTIVITIES OF US MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN JAPAN ARE NOT IN GENERAL PROHIBITED, IF IT IS SHOWN THAT THEY HAVE EXCEEDED CERTAIN LIMITS, THE GOJ WILL REACT.

3. ALSO ACCORDING TO YOMIURI, MOFA AMERICAS BUREAU DIRECTOR YAMAZAKI TOLD COMMITTEE THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF NIS, AN ORGANIZATION WITH MISSION OF HANDLING CRIMES AND DISCIPLINE OF US SERVICEMEN AND MILITARY DEPENDENTS, BUT THAT HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE MODE OF ITS ACTIVITY. MIYAZAWA IS SAID TO HAVE COMMENTED FURTHER THAT "IT'S ANOTHER MATTER IF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY IS DIRECTLY AFFECTING CIVILIAN MOVEMENTS, AND I WISH TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS ON THE BASIS OF THE MODE OF ACTIVITY."

4. ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF EMBASSIES IN TOKYO OR OF US FORCES, MIYAZAWA REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAS NO INTENTION OF MAKING ANY INVESTIGATION, AND THAT HIS ONLY CONCERN IS WHETHER OR NOT ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

5. IN LATE BREAKING STORY, MIYAZAWA REPORTEDLY TOLD MAY 18 PRESS CONFERENCE IN EFFECT THAT IT APPEARED THAT NIS ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN ARE NOT ILLEGAL AND THAT GOJ HAS NO INTENTION OF ASKING USG TO MODIFY NIS ACTIVITY. WE DO NOT YET HAVE FULL TEXT OF REMARKS.
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